

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for reviewing the present application.

Applicant hereby cancels previously withdrawn claims 9-17 without prejudice and reserves the right to pursue such claims in a divisional application.

Applicant acknowledges that claim 22 is no longer withdrawn and, by virtue of its dependency on claim 1, is allowable.

Accordingly, all pending claims, namely claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 18-23 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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